

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.

Residents of Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; 1.4% (1,613) of these admissions reside in the Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket Representative District. 3% (46) of admissions from the Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 73% were male and 27% were female.
- 59% were between the ages of 30-49.
- 90% were white non-Latino, 3% were black non-Latino, 2% were Latino and 6% were other racial categories.
- 54% were never married, 16% were married, and 30% reported not to be married now.
- 18% had less than high school education, 47% completed high school, and 35% had more than high school education.
- 37% were employed.
- 18% were homeless.
- 37% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a “primary drug” of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket Representative District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	66%	16%	5%	5%	1%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as ‘polydrug’ or ‘polysubstance’ use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's), individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2 Annual Admissions by Substance Used FY 1995 – FY 2003 Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket Representative District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	1,056	922	339	233	104	155	102
FY '96	1,075	930	352	272	133	162	100
FY '97	1,111	982	324	185	113	156	109
FY '98	1,344	1,137	388	275	117	239	143
FY '99	1,359	1,150	357	279	94	269	165
FY '00	1,470	1,258	399	366	139	330	221
FY '01	1,834	1,496	501	406	129	442	277
FY '02	1,838	1,469	485	371	150	479	291
FY '03	1,613	1,346	385	347	119	308	216

Heroin and Injection Drug Use

Figure 1 below shows the proportional increases in all admissions in the Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket Representative District and the proportional increase in admissions reporting heroin and injection drug use, a factor driving increases in HIV.

